

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 25-31 are pending in the application. Claims 6-24 were withdrawn. Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Claims 5 and 25-31 were allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 5 and 25-31 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,643,291 issued to Yoshihara on November 4, 2003 in view of U.S. Patent Application Number 20030231338 issued to Haga on December 18, 2003 and U.S. Patent Application Number 20020181694 issued to Mani on December 5, 2002.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as unpatentable over Yoshihara, Haga and Mani in view of U.S. Patent Application Number 20050058260 issued to Lasenski on March 17, 2005.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Yoshihara in view of Haga and U.S. Patent Application Number 20020191596 issued to Moyano on December 19, 2002.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshihara in view of Haga and U.S. Patent Number 6,819,932 issued to Allison on November 16, 2004.

Rejections Under Yoshihara, Haga, Mani, Lasenski, Moyano and Allison

Claims 1-4 were canceled.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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